## MON 7/31/17 MM: VTIP APPLICATIONS

FOR MINUTE MAGAZINE, I'M EZRA MARCUS.

MONROE COUNTY AND THE F-W-C ARE TEAMING
UP TO PREVENT AT-RISK VESSELS FROM
BECOMING ABANDONED, DERELICT OR SUNKEN.
THE COUNTY'S MARINE RESOURCES OFFICE IS
LAUNCHING A PILOT "VESSEL TURN-IN PROGRAM"...
OR V-TIP.

THE PLAN IS FREE FOR ELIGIBLE BOATERS
WHO CAN'T AFFORD TO PROPERLY DISPOSE OF
THEIR 16-TO-40-FOOT RECREATIONAL VESSELS.
THE COUNTY REMOVES 60 TO 80 DERELICT
BOATS EACH YEAR AT AN AVERAGE ANNUAL
COST OF 160-TO-180-THOUSAND DOLLARS.
MARINE RESOURCES DIRECTOR RICH JONES
SAYS V-TIP AIMS TO HEAD OFF PROBLEMS
CAUSED BY END-OF-LIFE BOATS...
BEFORE THEY GO TO THE BOTTOM...

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[:16] MONROE COUNTY AND THE TAXPAYERS

V-TIP APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH AUGUST 18th FROM THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE... OR BY CALLING 305-289-28-05. FOR MINUTE MAGAZINE, I'M EZRA MARCUS ON THE US-1 RADIO NEWS NETWORK.